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FRIDAY EVENING, JANUARY 2, 1880.

The School Board.

Bills paid—Report on New School Buildings and Reorganization of Schools—Debate on the Proposed Plan—The State Appropriation.

The January stated meeting of the board of directors of the Lancaster school district was held in common council chamber last evening. The following members were present : Messrs, D. G. Baker, Brosins, Carpenter, Cochran, Eberman, Erisman, Evans, Geissinger, D. Hartman, J. I. Hartman, Jackson, Johnston, Levergood, Mar-H. GERHART, shall, Morton, Reimensnyder, Rhoad, Richards, Schmid, Schwebel, Samson, Smeych, Slaymaker, Snyder, Spurrier, Yeisley, C. Zecher, Geo. W. Zecher, Warfel, president.

Only a few of the monthly reports of the visiting committees were presented, and these were not read.

Mr. Evans, from the finance committee, reported the following bills which were ordered to be paid : Levi Powl, repairing fences, cleaning cellars, &c., \$7.37 : Huber & Erisman, carpenter work and hauling, \$5.25; Henry Smith, load of wood, \$1; Isaac L. Landis, two loads of cobs. \$8; Chas. Deen, salary as janitor, \$9; Geo. F. K. Erisman, blackboard rubbers, \$2.40; Henry Resh, hauling, \$2.05; Joseph Samson, brushes, \$7.15; Samuel S. Martin, pupils enrolled from that division at presrecording deed, \$2.75; Lancaster gas com-Would respectfully announce to his customers pany for gas, \$21.60; Chas. II. Barr, books and the public that he will have his regular and stationery, \$7.49.

Mr. Evans also presented a bill from Sarah Mulberry, of Chatham, asking to have refunded \$12.50 paid by her parents for one quarter's tuition in the high school, she having attended but one day and her parents wishing her to return home. It was ordered that the amount paid be refunded if the young lady's statement be

Mr. Samson, from the girls' night school committee, reported that one of the teachers had been dismissed in consequence of the small attendance of pupils. Rev. Geissinger, from the special committee appointed to report on the erection | years to have second building of a similar

of new school houses, reported as fol- character. LANCASTER, Pa., Jan. 1, 1889. To the President and Members of the Lancaster

GENTLEMEN: The committee appointed at the last stated meeting of the board to consider the subject of new school houses for Lancaster city, with instructions to submit a plan for the systematic location and crection of the same, having as carefully and fully attended to the important matter committed to them as they conveniently could, would respectfully report the following items, together with the principal reasons for their adoption by the committee, as the result of their labors.

1. The present arrangement of the Laneaster city school district into four divisions formed by the intersection of King and Queen streets at Centre square shall be retained. This arrangement of the district into four divisions is perhaps the best that could be made. It is natural. The boundaries are plain. The divisions are not greatly unequal. The enrollment of primary and secondary pupils in these respective divisions is as follows: Northwest, 828; Northeast, 653; Southeast,

681; Southwest, 718. 2. Ample school accommodation shall be provided in each respective division for all the primary and secondary pupils who reside within the limits of said division. The advantages of having school accommodations for the primary and secondary pupils within the divisions in which they live, and in so far as possible, in the same building, are, first, the great convenience of access, and secondly, children of the same families and localities, attending school of the same place, will enable the larger children to accompany and take care

of the smaller ones. 3. The board shall provide as soon as practicable for the erection of four new school buildings, one in each of the four divisions of the city, with accommodations in each building for both the primary and secondary pupils of said division who are not already or may not hereafter be otherwise provided for. The erection of four new buildings, one in each of the four divisions of the city-not of equal capacity, but of such capacity in each case as the circumstances may require-is, in the opinion of the committee, the most practical and economical plan for providing accommodations for the pupils of the primary and secondary departments of our public schools, and also for improving the orthese schools. In the southeast division it would not be necessary for the new building to have accommodation for more

than 550 pupils. board, in so far as these sites may be deemed elegible. Upon investigation your committee find that perhaps the most eligible sites for school houses in the different divisions, which are available, are those lot on Lemon and Lime streets, in the Northeast division in a central locality of the division has an extent of 132 by 248 150 by 236 feet. The lot on West Chestnut street, in the Northwest division, has an extent of 103 by 266 feet. The lot on Dinah's Hill, in the Southwest division. has an extent of 127 by 268 feet. These lots, though not perhaps as large as might be desired, are yet large enough for the

buildings proposed.
5. The new buildings shall all be constructed on the single room plan. They shall be two stories high. The rooms for the primary schools shall have a capacity for 60 pupils, with a floor surface to each pupil of at least 9 square feet. The rooms for the secondary schools shall have a carooms shall be furnished with single seats and desks for each pupil, and in the construction of the buildings special attention shall be paid to the lighting, heating and ventilation of all the apartments. The matters referred to in this item will, we think, recommend themselves to every thoughtful and sincere friend of the children of the public schools. There is no doubt in the minds of your committee that | count of death in their families, he thought the foundations of disease, and of moral as it would be best to postpone the considerwell as physical wretchedness, are often ation of the subject till next meeting. GLASSWARE AND CHINA, MAJOLIC: laid in the uncomfortable appointments, unequal temperature and vitiated atmosphere of public school rooms. We believe also that great advantages in regard to or- pupils [printed in yesterday's INTELLI der, discipline and efficient work will result from having not only single rooms for the separate schools, but also single desks

and seats for the scholars.

owned by the board and located on the northwest corner of Lime and Lemon streets. After a very careful consideration of the whole field, your committee are of the opinion that the erection of the first new building in the Northeast division will best meet and relieve the immediate neces- the teachers and the consequent better sities of the present circumstances. The Northeast division, with 235 secondary pupils, has no secondary school at all. The location of the building, at Lime and Lemon streets, is such that the secondary pupils, as well as some of the primary pupils

west division, can be conveniently accommodated in it until the new building contemplated in this plan is erected in the Northwest division. Thus we believe that the Northwest division could be easily relieved to such an extent as to make the Prince street building ample in its accommodation for all the secondary pupils remaining within that division. If the first building is located in the Northeast division the Southeast division will also be relieved sufficiently to warrant the withdrawal of Miss Hantch's school entirely and the res toration of Mr. Gates's school from its very inconvenient location to its former quar-

the immediate erection of a new building. The work could be commenced at once, without the purchase of a foot of ground and without disturbing the schools, 7. The building to be erected at Lime and Lemon streets shall contain 12 rooms, with an aggregate minimum capacity for 660 pupils. A building with 12 rooms, and a capacity for at least 660 pupils will not be too large. The extent of the lot is sufficient for a building of that size. The

member we build for the future. 8. As the necessity may arise other school buildings of required capacity shall be erected, on the same general plan of the four large buildings, in districts tral or main building of the division difficult or inconvenient of access. By this item it will be seen that the plan submitted in this report contemplates that there additional building of such dimensions as may be required. In the Southeast division on Rockland street, and in the Northeast division at Prince and Chestnut streets only to higher classes, but to other teachthese second buildings are already erected. in the Northeast and Southeast divisions it will doubtless be found necessary in a few

9. As rapidly as the new buildings provided for in this plan are completed the primary and secondary schools of Lancaster city shall be reorganized on the single

room plan with one teacher for each room. this whole subject, the consideration of authorities. which ought to have occupied our serious ttention long ago, vonr committee would most earnestly urge upon the board the necessity of prompt and efficient action, then put and carried. Let the plan herewith submitted be thoroughly discussed and either approved or made to give place to something better. It is a humiliating fact that Lancaster city, the pioneer in the great public school movement, should in many respects be so ments of her own schools. The arms education of the children of the community is

It is the first duty which comes to school district. the man or the citizen. In view, therefore, of the vast importance of the work before us, your committee beg the members of the board thoroughly and promptly to consider a'l the matters referred to in this report, which is herewith very respectfully sub-

D. H. GEISSINGER. WM. McComsey, H. Z. Rhoads.

Mr. Spurrier moved that the report be adopted, and the suggestions and recommendations of the committee be approved. Mr. D. G. Baker said he heartily approved of the plan recommended by the committee, except that part which proposed single rooms. This feature of the plan he had not given sufficient consideration to form an opinion whether or not it would be an improvement on the combined

plan now in use. Mr. John I. Hartman approved of some things that the committee recommended, but he was opposed to that feature which proposed the centralizing of the schools at one location. He believed this part of the plan to be costly and unwise, and he knew it would be inconvenient. Many of the little children would be obliged to walk five or six squares or more, to the proposed ganization and increasing the efficiency of central school house, and to carry out the plan in full as proposed by the committee elsewhere. would involve a cost of \$50,000 or \$100,-000. But whatever might be thought of 4. The new buildings shall be erected the plan, the matter is an important one upon sites already in possession of the and deserves careful discussion before action is taken. He moved to postpone the

matter for one month. Rev. Geissinger said he had no objection to having the matter postponed, but he at present in possession of the board. The | would like to have some discussion and interchange of views at the present time. The committee had very carefully considfeet. The lot on South Duke street, in ered the points to which Mr. Hartman had the Southeast division, has an extent of objected. Each of the four divisions is Shertzer, Humphreville & Kieffer, one mile square, and a school house near its centre of population will be more convenient to a great number of pupils than if located anywhere else; besides, as will be seen by the report just read, it is proposed eventually to erect other school houses as the population increases, to accommodate pupils living at too great distance from the central school house. As to the cost, it is not proposed to build more than one school house at present, and one will have to be built somewhere to relieve the schools pacity for 50 pupils, with a floor surface of that are now overcrowded. The commitat least 13 square feet. All the school tee recommend the Lemon street lot for the

reasons stated in the report. organization, and further, as two prominent members of the board who have given the matter much thought are absent on action and further matter much thought are absent on action and further matter much thought are absent on action and further matter much thought are absent on action and further matter much thought are absent on action and further matter much thought are absent on action and further, as two prominenting them to the phone as describing of patronage, and also of thanking the public for their generosity to me in the past as well as asking a continuance of the same for the matter much thought are absent on action and the matter much thought are absent on action and the matter much thought are absent on action and the matter much thought are absent on action and the matter much thought are absent on action and the matter much thought are absent on action and the matter much thought are absent on action and the matter much thought are absent on action and the matter much the matter much thought are absent on action and the matter much the matte the matter much thought are absent on ac- the new firm. Mr. Geissinger asked leave to make the

GENCER] a part of the committee's report. the report of the committee with the ex- | dyed at 6. The first new building shall be erect- ception of the single room plan and on ed in the Northeast division, on the lot now that his mind was undecided.

tabulated statement of the enrollment of

Mr. Rhoads had disfavored the single room plan until he had interviewed a number of teachers, all of whom favored it and pointed out its advantages, especially as regards the undivided responsibility of

ers in other school rooms, and they will naturally exert themselves to accompany

The motion to postpone the further consideration of the matter for one month was

report two months hence. Mr. Johnston inquired of the president

any information from the state superintendent as to whether he had drawn or the very first thing to be looked after and carefully attended to. No other interest, private or public, takes precedence of the state appropriation due Lancaster Mr. Evans moved that the secretary be

> state superintendent, and inform him that law and draw his warrant on the state treasurer for the amount of the state appropriation due Lancaster school district,

Adjourned.

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discipline of the schools. Mr. Erisman stated that under our present system there is always a pressure of pupils on the lower divisions, both in the primary and secondary schools. Frequentfrom the northeast portion of the Northly the lowest division contains more pupils than all the other, and it is impossible for the second assistant appointed to teach them to do justice to so many scholars. While the lower divisions are overcrowded, it often happens that the higher divisions are not full ; the vacant seats in these divisions are then given to pupils of the lower divisions and thus the classes are disarranged, and confusion ensues. Much time is lost in the present plan, by transferring classes from the study hall to the class room, and back again to the study ters. We would also add that the lot on hall. All this would be avoided by the Lemon street, on account of its extent, is single room plan. The pressure on the of all the sites in the city best adapted to lower divisions would also be avoided. for each division would occupy its own room, say, with 50 or 60 single desks, and as soon as these become too full another room can le opened and another teacher appointed. As at present organized, with three teachers in one school, there is a divided responsibility and sometimes a difference of opinion as to discipline. By the single room plan this will be avoided, and each teacher ent number 681; and then we should re. will be responsible for the discipline of his or her own room. Another advantage of the proposed plan is that it adds an incentive to pupils to secure promotion. Those who are which are so situated as to make the cen- now in primary or secondary schools if asked what school they attend invariably name the principal of the school, though they may not be in the principal's classes. shall be ultimately two school buildings. Thus dull pupils frequently plod on in the in each division for primary and secondary lower classes for several years, but all the pupils—a large central building and an time in Miss So-and-so's school. By the adoption of the single-room plan, they will see their classmates being transferred not

Mr. Brosius said the single-room plan was in use in Philadelphia, Boston, Chicago and other cities, and had been found to work well. Mr. Brosius described at some length the comprehensive system of Appreciating the great importance of education adopted by the Chicago school

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Dr. Levergood, from the special committee to revise rules, reported progress and said the committee would make a final

far behind in the condition and appoint and secretary whether they had received

directed to write to Dr. Wickersham, the board demand him to comply with the

and forward said warrant to the board. The motion was unanimously adopted.

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